

GLC 63
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WRITINGS

"4 I

4 THISS: Tommy, Merica, Mandy

MARILYN, MANDY "

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Tommy od'd and froze to death in Tesque
Only a driveway ~~was~~ from his house

Marilyn was killed in a hit and run accident

Marian died from breast cancer

Manny was shot in the back of the head
walking away from a gay bar

~~Therese~~ They were all under the age of 25
and died within two years time.

I am the only one left from that group
except for Philbert who is HIV positive.

I don't know if Raymond is alive

These four friends are people I still miss
and ~~was~~ sometimes still need.

I miss Tommy's ~~Widgito~~ abandon and craziness
I miss long, deep talks with Marian
about the complexity of relationships
I miss Marilyn's seriousness, her and her
ability to see things with common sense, her
very dry humor

I miss Manny the most who was like my brother
We could be anything together, ~~we had~~
our imagination and fantasy took us
too to many places. ~~at the time~~

always

I note that doctor's offices have a slight chill. Even the chair is uncomfortable. I become very familiar with the detail of design. I look at the carpet searching for the significance of its color. What is it saying? The magazine magazine selection is limited to three, ~~House~~ Travel and Leisure, People and Sports Illustrated.

Sitting, waiting, flipping through these magazines. ~~this almost as if~~
Dr. Harrington enters holding a replica of a spine. This can only mean bad news. I immediately retreat somewhere else, then find myself near the ceiling looking down. My ears start ringing. He ~~disappears with~~
~~the~~ sits down in front of me and ~~then~~ launches into a description of what is wrong. There is nothing soft in the news. Your disc has exploded and these are your options 1, 2, 3

~~He~~ He says your options are not great. He will follow whichever I choose.

Surgery is scheduled quickly to prevent any further nerve damage. I walked out, called Linda told her in a dry tone my disc exploded, Surgery is the best of ~~the~~ the options. It will be ~~in~~ ~~start~~ in 3 or 4 days.

My back is permanently changed. He also tells me there are things I can no longer do. I don't ask, I simply say tell me later.

Cutting into my spine I don't understand it at all. Everything moves ~~too~~ fast.

I think about This Bridge Called My Back and I ~~never~~ disdain the ~~irony~~ irony, the implications. Maybe I'm ~~being~~ to over reacting. Contributing to the anthology did not cause the rupture but maybe being the bridge did. And for what purpose. Who really cares.

I had to lie on my back ^{without moving} for almost 10 hours immediately after surgery, to help stop the bleeding. ~~The pain was so bad I pushed the button that controlled the pain medication~~

I will never be the same again. Friends and political colleagues come to visit. ~~but I don't want to see them~~

My back told me then what I know now. ~~Sometimes these truths ~~of~~ that come to me~~ can be I overdosed on dialysis, ~~the~~

~~My back~~

My back went with warnings that I didnot
listen to
Its hard to pay attention, to follow my
mstincts

Now I dont want anyone to touch my lower back
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Hit And Run

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Nothing Comes Smooth

In The day or Night

When it happens

sometimes it can be

like the Smack of a Hit and Run

There is no warning.

~~There~~

Sudden and Scary.

Origins

Searching amongst rocks and stones

faraway from my homeland

We got lost on this little road

I knew we were lost

because the Sheep were surprised to see us

They stared incredulously

One popped his head up to look at us

Then quickly hid ~~then~~ behind the rocks

The sun hits with brilliant spikes

making water shine

I like this place.

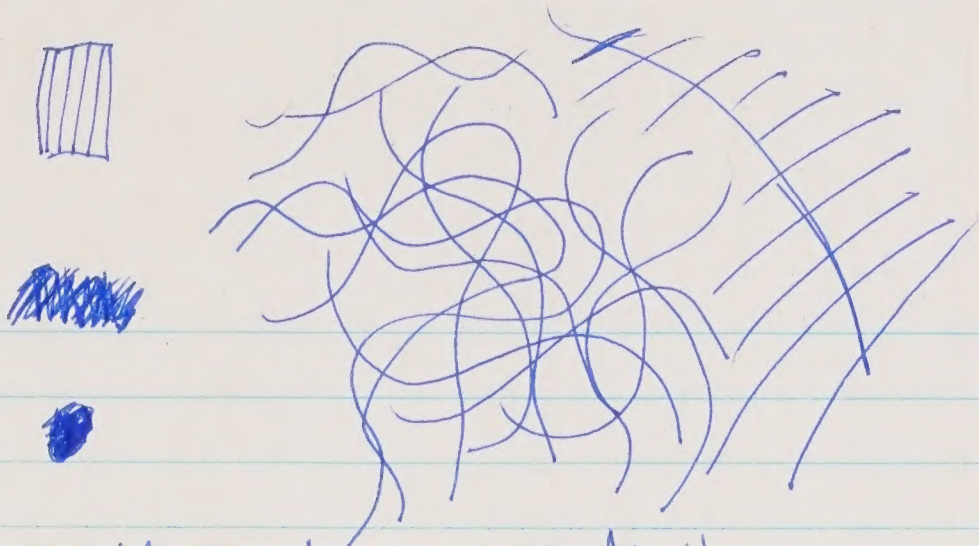
To Keep Back The Cold

Wishing for little handwarmers

Sitting in the colvert

-20°

The bus is running late.



Tommy Marian Manny and Marilyn

We all attended school in Santa Fe
in the early 1970's. We were
the odd Indians. We ~~didn't do traditional~~
~~things that always~~

We didn't do traditional Indian things
Theatre was our ~~common~~ connector
and we liked to be absurd.

Even when we dropped acid, the trees had
faces and sunsets fell in rapid fashion into
the mountains. We snuck into the

~~State~~ Santa Fe ~~theatre~~ opera, we found
the only Indians sitting in the amphitheatre
listening to the intense sounds of opera

Tommy always cooked for us

Marian always made everyone feel special

Marilyn always told ~~stories~~ great stories

Manny ~~was~~ always ~~just~~ ~~providing~~

~~providing~~ was willing to try anything once

~~Then~~

Together we were all heading for San Francisco
Manny wanted to be part of the Mime Troupe
which he always pronounced mime Troupe

Tommy just wanted to be gay in San Francisco
and maybe irritate his brother who lived there
Marilyn and Marian were looking for

cultural adventure That expanded our Indian horizon

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